

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: June 6-7, 2007

Reference No.: 2.3b.
Action Item

From: CINDY McKIM
Chief Financial Officer

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Subject: **NEW PUBLIC ROAD CONNECTION, 03-SUT-20 PM 14.47**
RESOLUTION S-731

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve the attached Resolution S-731 and map authorizing a new public road connection at Harter Parkway to State Route (SR) 20 in the city of Yuba City.

ISSUE:

The City of Yuba City has requested approval of a new public road connection to SR 20. Pursuant to Section 100.2 of the Streets and Highways Code, no local road shall be connected with any freeway until the Commission adopts a resolution consenting thereto. It is recommended that the Commission approve the resolution in accordance with the recommendation of the Chief Engineer. The resolution grants approval of a new public road connection on the south side of SR 20 opposite to the existing Harter Parkway connection in the county of Sutter, city of Yuba City, at Post Mile 14.47.

Recommended by: _____
RICHARD D. LAND
Chief Engineer

BACKGROUND:

Due to projected growth and congestion in the vicinity of the Harter Parkway connection, Yuba City is proposing to convert this existing connection to SR 20 to a full four-way intersection to relieve local traffic congestion and support planned development and growth in the area. A commercial development of 35 acres will start construction in 2007 immediately south of this intersection.

SR 20 is part of the California Freeway and Expressway System and it runs west to east traversing: Mendocino, Lake, Colusa, Sutter, Yuba and Nevada Counties. SR 20 begins in Mendocino County at Route 1 near Fort Bragg traversing to Route 101 at Willits and resumes further south from Route 101 ending at Route 80 near Emigrant Gap in Nevada County. On July 19, 1955, the California Highway Commission adopted the portion of SR 20 from Acacia Avenue to SR 99 as a freeway. On June 3, 1986, this segment of SR 20 was denominated to a controlled access highway. A Controlled Access Highway Agreement (CAHA), for the project location, was signed by Yuba City on March 6, 2007.

This section of SR 20 is a four-lane expressway with 8-foot outside shoulders. The highway has a paved median for about 500 feet west of Harter Parkway and an unpaved median for the rest of this corridor. Within the limits of Yuba City there are a number of intersections along SR 20. Numerous driveways have been constructed using encroachment permits. Harter Parkway is connected to SR 20 from the north. On the south side of the intersection, only a private drive connection has been maintained.

Harter Parkway is identified as a General Plan Street in the Yuba City's 2004 General Plan. Land uses in the vicinity of the proposed new connection includes a mixture of commercial, industrial and limited residential uses. The land adjacent to Harter Parkway south of SR 20 has been subdivided into 11 parcels zoned for community commercial and commercial office. The proposed land development project also includes the extension of Harter Parkway, and it will function as part of the local circulation element providing access to Yuba City's General Plan uses. In particular, the traffic circulation for the new high school will make use of Harter Parkway.

Traffic studies performed in 2005 for the project vicinity predict increased congestion as land development and growth continue. The new road connection will extend through 35 acres of proposed commercial development and is projected to carry 30 percent of the new trips. The proposed connection would improve surface streets operations as well as the SR 20 mainline operations for the short term. The study also predicted that the four local street intersections studied along SR 20, including Harter Parkway, would operate at unacceptable Levels of Service E or F by 2023.

The estimated construction cost for this project is \$690,000. No additional right-of-way will be required for the new connection. The project will be funded entirely by local funds.

There are no Advisory or Mandatory Design Exceptions.

The Department approved the Project Report on February 1, 2007. An Initial Study and Negative Declaration for River Valley Commercial Center and River Valley Estates, which included the new

road connection, was prepared by the City of Yuba City on August 19, 2004. A Negative Declaration was approved by the Yuba City Planning Commission on September 8, 2004. A concurrent Initial Study and Negative Declaration Report is under agenda item 2.2c.(7).

A revised CAHA was signed by the City of Yuba City on March 6, 2007, and will be executed by the Department after Commission approval of the new connection.

Attachments

Resolution S-731

Vicinity Map

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
Resolution Authorizing a New Public Road Connection
3-Sut-20 PM 14.47

Resolution S-731

WHEREAS, the City of Yuba City has requested approval of a new public road connection on State Route 20 for Harter Parkway; and

WHEREAS, the Initial Study and Negative Declaration has been approved in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act; and

WHEREAS, the project will have impacts on the environment that will be mitigated.

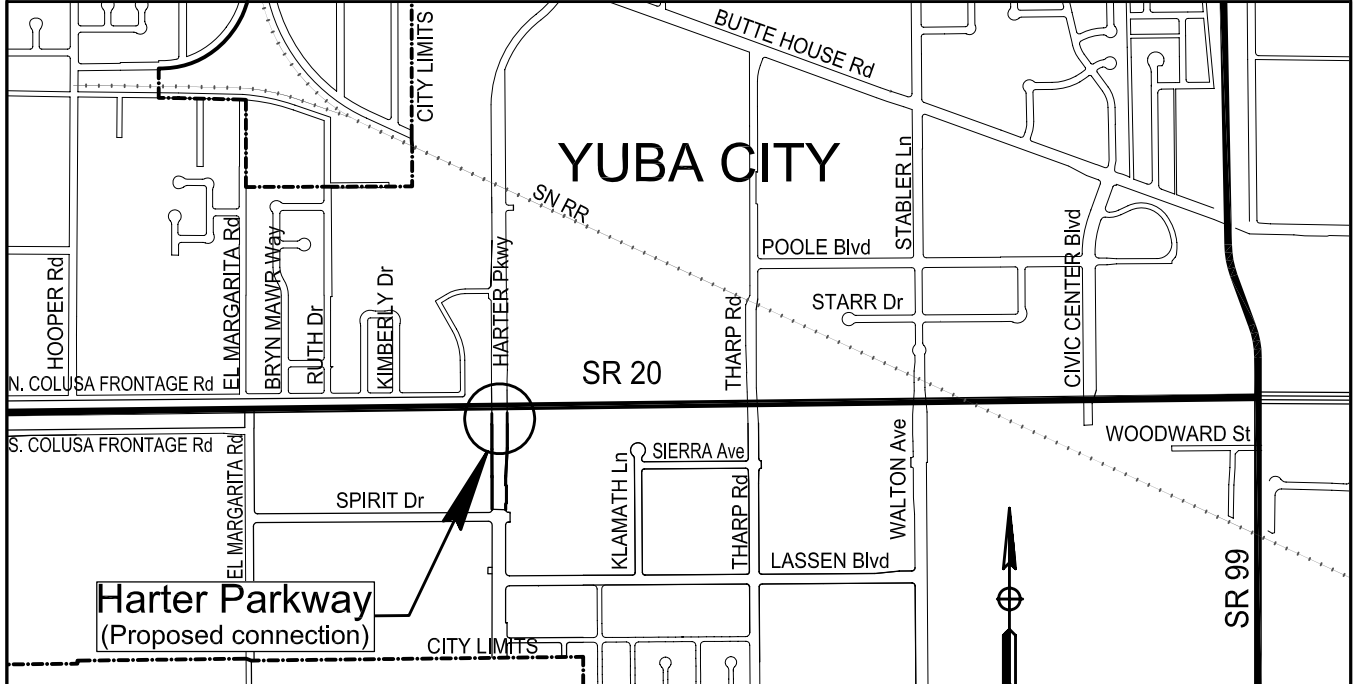
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the California Transportation Commission that pursuant to the authority vested in it by law, this Commission does hereby authorize one new public road connection on State Route 20 at Harter Parkway, PM 14.47, in the city of Yuba City.

Vicinity Map 3-SUT-20

(District 3, County of Sutter, SR-20)

PM 14.47

New Connection at Harter Parkway



LOCATION MAP